MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): My point is whether the examination of the question of increasing the pay of the Police Constables is over?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Various aspects of the question have to be considered and it is not a small matter. A large expenditure has to be incurred and many matters have to be gone into before the Government can come to a conclusion.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I have a rough idea of the time that will be wanted by the Government for considering this question?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

The Chief Engineer's Visits in North and Central Travancore.

193. **MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the taluks in North and Central Travancore visited by the Chief Engineer after the last Budget Session of the Council was over and the new works, if any, he has recommended to the Government after his visit;

(*b*) whether he visited the taluk of Minachil after the last Council;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer proposes to visit the taluk and for taking necessary action to improve and develop the means of communication in the taluk, in the light of the several applications and representations made by the people and their representatives of the taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Devicolam, Ambalapuzha, Shertallai, Vaikom, Kottayam, Changanacherry, Peermade, Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Minachil taluks. No new schemes have yet been formulated.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

(*d*) He has already visited the taluk and discussed the matter with the Division Officer and some of the representatives of the people and has left instructions with the former for conducting the necessary investigation.

Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. Puduval's Letter to the Co-operative Inspector.

194 **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the letter written by Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. Puduval while at Kottayam to a Co-operative Inspector and referred to by Mr. Van Ross during the last Budget discussion of the Council (Council Proceedings, Vol. XI, No. 3 page 222)?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Complaints re the selection of certain lands under the Land Colonisation Scheme from the Muvattupuzha taluk.

195 **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that in the preliminary list of lands prepared for registry in accordance with the Land Colonisation Scheme in the Muvattupuzha taluk, certain lands in the possession and enjoyment of private individuals for a long time past, containing permanent improvements, and lying adjacent to registered holdings have also been included;

(*b*) whether they have it under consideration to see that these lands which are being improved under the belief that they will be registered in the names of the improvers thereof according to Rule 18 of the Puduval Rules, are excluded from the preliminary list and registered at once in the names of the respective improvers according to the Puduval Rules; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the Revenue Commissioner has personally noticed in his Muvattupuzha tour and has been convinced that certain lands in that taluk which have been enclosed by *kayyala* walls and added to registered holdings and which have long since been under improvement and enjoyment, have been included in the preliminary list prepared in connection with the Land Colonisation Scheme, and, if so, whether he has ordered the registry of such lands in favour of the improvers and called for the explanation of the Proverthikar responsible for the irregularity?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Land Colonisation Rules do not prohibit unauthorisedly occupied lands containing valuable improvements being selected for being constituted into compact blocks, provided they are otherwise suitable. But, as far as possible, lands containing valuable and *bona fide* improvements will not be selected, but will be left for disposal under the ordinary Puduval Rules.

(*c*) The Land Revenue Commissioner has reported that in one of his tours to Muvattupuzha he inspected certain lands in the Kuttamangalam Pakuthy which had been encroached upon by the member and which had been included in the preliminary list of lands recommended to be dealt with under the Land Colonisation Rules. The Land Revenue Commissioner called for a report from the Dewan Peishkar and has referred the matter to the Government for their orders.

Committee for the Revision of Salary of the Vernacular School Teachers.

196 **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): In regard to the Committee appointed for the revision of the pay and status of the Vernacular School Teachers, will the Government be pleased to state:

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